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FOR W. A. BARNES IN TRAVELING GROUP OF WHITE HOUSE FELLOWS

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SUBJECT: COMBINED PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER

- 1. PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RESTON WISHES TO INFORM YOU THAT THE FOLLOWING MEMO CAME DOWN FROM JOAN CLARK, ACTING DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MANAGEMENT:
- 2. "YOUR PROPOSAL FOR A COMBINED STATE/ACDA/AID PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER IS INTERESTING AND ATTRACTIVE. I AGREE THAT IT SHOULD BE STUDIED FURTHER.
- 3. BEFORE WE PROCEED WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTATIONS, HOWEVER, I THINK WE SHOULD FACE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER WE WILL HAVE, UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE CENTER. AS A RESULT OF OMB'S DECISION TO UNCLASSIFIED

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REDUCE OUR EMPLOYMENT CEILING BY 300 THIS FISCAL YEAR AND AN ADDITIONAL 75 NEXT YEAR--WHICH FOLLOWS ON THE HEELS OF CONGRESS' RECENT SIZEABLE CUT IN OUR MANPOWER--PERSONNEL FOR EACH NEW PROJECT WILL HAVE TO BE SUBTRACTED FROM OUR PRESENT ACTIVITIES. THIS WILL BE THE CASE, ALMOST CERTAINLY, WHETHER OR NOT CONGRESS AUTHORIZES AND APPROPRIATES FUNDS FOR NEW PERSONNEL.

- 4. ACCORDINGLY, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AT THIS STAGE AN ESTIMATE OF YOUR ANTICIPATED STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AND YOUR PROPOSALS FOR MEETING THOSE REQUIREMENTS FROM EXISTING POSITIONS."
- 5. RESTON WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY ON YOUR RETURN TO WASHINGTON. RESTON WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON APPROXIMATE-LY AUGUST 1.

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